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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTH HAMPTON,

APPROVED BY THE SELECTMEN,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1874.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1874	$567.56
Received of the State Treasurer; Railroad Tax,	2.52
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	12.32
" " " Literary Fund,	23.78
" " " of Rejected U. S. Bounties,	43.20
" Hired of T. J. Goodwin,	100.00
" " S. P. Eaton,	200.00
" Phillips White for grass on the Burying Ground,	2.00
" Andrew J. Currier, Collector for 1867,	24.45
" Jacob Eaton, Collector for 1872,	160.00
" Samuel P. Eaton, Collector for 1873,	3896.94
" Jacob Eaton, as interest on Taxes,	15.10
" Samuel P. Eaton, interest on Taxes,	12.00
" County for the support of transient persons,	6.00
	$5,065.87

EXPENDITURES.

Paid William H. Currier, Note and Interest,	$706.30
" Thomas J. Goodwin, Estate Note and interest,	105.25
" Samuel P. Eaton, Note and interest,	210.70
" Elizabeth B. Eaton, interest on Note,	42,00
" Hannah Weed, interest on Note,	24.00
" Abner J. Wiggin, interest on Note,	58.40
" Jacob Jewell, interest on Note,	5.48
" Barnard School Fund, interest on Note,	150.00
" Salisbury & Amesbury Savings Bank, interest on Note,	227.50
	$1,229.63

SCHOOLS.

Paid John Paige, Prudential Committee for District No. 1,	$276,34
" Ephraim Clifford, Prudential Committee for District No. 2,	212.14
" Charles H. Towle, " " " " " 3,	118.80
" Schooling of B. A. Currier's child, in District No. 3, Newton,	8.00
	$615.28

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Samuel P. Eaton for 52 weeks' board of Mary A. Jones,	$104.00
" Cotton Cloth and Flannel for Mary A. Jones,	3.80
" Nursing in sickness of " "	4.00
" Addison Wall, lodging transient persons,	2.00
	$113.80

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Moses J. Eaton for 432 feet Bridge Plank,	$8.64
" Jacob Eaton, for 110 feet bridge timber,	1.65
" Samuel P. Eaton for bridge plank,	1.50
" I. F. Purington, Surveyor in District No. 1, for labor on the roads in March and April, 1873,	2.50
" R. F. Dow, Surveyor in District No. 2, for labor on the roads, in March and April, 1873,	21.50
" Eli Beede, Surveyor in District No. 3, for labor on the roads in March and April, 1873,	18.00
" Washington F. Currier, Surveyor in District No. 4, for labor on the roads in March and April, 1873,	6.20
" Samuel P. Eaton for labor on the roads in March and April, 1873,	7.40
" David T. Woodman, for labor on the roads in Mar. and Apr. '73.	4.00
" B. A. Currier, for labor on the roads in March and April, 1873.	3.00
" For labor on the Chase Road,	27.00
" For labor on the New Road at the Peak,	8.00
" For labor in Highway District No. 4,	3.20
" " " " " 5,	8.60
" " " " " 6,	9.80
" Non Resident Highway orders,	10.84
" E. F. Currier, for Bridge timber,	3.00
	$144.83

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid George E. Lane for Blank Books,	$3.75
" O. H. F. Deleware, for labor and nails on the Burying Ground Fence at Farmer's Corner,	5.14
" J. B. McCarroll, for 2 boards and lettering notices for Peak Road,	1.50
" Dr. J. G. Gale, for returning deaths,	.50
" J. M. Weare for damage to sheep by dogs,	5.00
" Richard Fitts for sheep killed and damaged by dogs,	11.50
" Geo. J. L. Colby & Co., Printing Reports and Tax Bills,	17.25
" State Tax,	1,014.00
" County Tax,	672.03
" Ephraim Clifford for support of Watering Trough,	3.00
" I. F. Purington for care of Town House,	5.00
" P. P. Whitehouse, for Postage and Express,	2.66
	$2.041,33

BEACH CASE.

Paid	Albert R. Hatch, Services, Fees, and Expenses paid from December. 1869 to March 1st, 1874,	$267.88
"	Jury Fee and Witnesses while case on trial,	149.50
"	F. B. French for summoning witness,	2.35
"	D. T. Woodman for summoning witnesses,	2.00
"	Jacob Eaton, 3 days and expense to Portsmouth,	10.50
"	" " 2 days to Exeter,	3.00
"	" " time and expense in examining Records, Looking after witnesses, and summoning witnesses,	10.00
"	" " 8 days and expense to Portsmouth while case on trial,	20.00
		$465.23

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	P. P. Whitehouse, services as Town Clerk,	$20.00
"	" " " Superintending School Committee,	15.00
"	S. P. Eaton, services as Collector,	60.00
"	I. F. Purington services as Sexton,	9.00
"	Jacob Eaton services as Treasurer,	20.00
"	" " " Selectman,	20.00
"	" " house room and stationery.	12.00
"	" " 7 days taking new valuation of Real Estate,	12.00
"	" " 1 day to Concord to pay State Tax and obtaining U. S. Bounties,	7.00
"	" " 1 day to Exeter to settle County claims,	1.50
"	" " " to pay County tax,	1.50
"	David T. Woodman, services as Selectman,	20.00
"	" " 7 days in taking new valuation of Real Estate,	12.00
"	Samuel P. Eaton, services as selectman,	20.00
"	" " 7 days in taking new valuation of Real Estate,	12.00
		$242.00

ABATEMENTS.

Abatement on taxes for 1872,	$19.84
" " " " 1873,	13.80
	32.64

THE TOWN OWES NOTES IN FAVOR OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS.

Jacob Jewell	$75.00
Elizabeth B. Eaton	700.00
Salisbury & Amesbury Savings Bank	2500.00
Hannah Weed	400.00
Barnard School Fund	2500.00
Abner J. Wiggin	800.00
	6975.00

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Whole amount of receipts		$5065.87
Paid notes and interest	$1229.63	
Sapp rt of Schools	615.28	
Support of Poor	113.80	
Highways and Bridges	144.83	
Miscellaneous Expenses	2041.33	
Beach Case	465.93	
Town Officers	242 00	
Abatement of Taxes	33.64	
		4885.74
Cash in the Treasury		180.13
Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for 1873		4046.94
Of which he has paid into the Treasury		3896.94
Amount due from Collector		150.00

The assets of the town are as follows ;

Due from John Paige, Collector for 1865	$4.77
" " Nathan Peters " " 1868	101.29
" " A. J. Cnrrier " " 1869	10.60
" " " " " 1870	54.16
" " " " " 1871	94.91
" " Jacob Eaton " " 1872	100.00
" " Samuel P. Eaton " " 1875	150.00
" " U. S. Bounties	1010,80
" " Judgement against J. M. Heath, April 28, 1871	462.77
" " interest from April 28, 1871 to March 1, 1874	78.66
" " Cash in Treasury	180.13
Whole amount of assets	2248.09

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of Indebtedness,	$6,975.00
" " " Assets,	2,248.09
Present Town Debt,	$4,626.91
Town Debt, last year,	4.989.09
" " present year,	4,626.91
	$362.18

JACOB EATON, Treasurer.

Approved by the selectmen.

JACOB EATON, } Selectmen
DAVID T. WOODMAN, } of
SAMUEL P. EATON, } South Hampton.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing Treasurer's Account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL M. PRESCOTT, } Auditors.
JAMES M. JEWELL, }

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. ONE. Committee, JOHN PAIGE. Teacher, Miss Abby F. Eaton of South Hampton. Money appropriated, $276.34. Length of school, 33 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. TWO. Committee, RICHARD S. WHITE and EPHRAIM CLIFFORD. Teacher, Miss Ida M. Blake of Kensington. Money appropriated, $212.14. Length of school, 31 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. THREE. Committee, CHARLES H. TOWLE. Teacher, Mrs. Sarah E. Parker of South Hampton. Money appropriated, $118.80. Length of school, 23 weeks.

Whole amount of money expended for the support of schools:—Literary Fund, $23.78; Town's money, $591.50,—including $8.00 paid to Newton for the tuition of the child of B. A. Currier. The Literary Fund was equally divided among the districts.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT FOR ONE WHOLE TERM:—Eddie W. Collins, Sara Isabel Jewell, Minnie V. Avery, Emma S. Austin, Kate A. Somers, Fanny B. Eaton, Ella W. Eaton, Addie F. Eaton, Annie M. Woodman, Lillian G. Hopkinson, Hattie E. Fitts, Mary Ryerson, Sally J. Evans

NOT ABSENT FOR TWO WHOLE TERMS:—Freddie M. Jewell, George M. Kimball.

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR:—LIZZIE P. EATON.

We ask the attention of parents to the following:—The whole number of scholars in the town, attending not less two weeks, was

sixty-seven. Average attendance, *forty-two*; this is sixty-three per cent. or less than two thirds of the whole number. We can never have strictly first-class schools unless we have a better attendance. Other statistics are given in the accompanying table.

The school in District No. One has made good progress considering the irregularity in the attendance of many of the pupils. The teacher, a lady of culture and refinement, though new at the business of teaching, entered upon her task with that patience and perseverance which seldom fails to win success. We were especially pleased with her oral exercises in Geography; and exercises in other branches gave evidence of industry in the right direction on the part of both teacher and learner. There is a great need of suitable wall maps in this school. Those now in the school room were there seventeen years ago, and we know not how long before. There have been important changes in the political divisions both in our own country and on the Continent of Europe since that period.

The teacher in District No. Two taught the past season for the first time. She passed a good examination, and doubtless entered the school room with the best intentions, laboring earnestly for the advancement of her pupils. The school was not, however, so successful as we hoped it would prove. The teacher in a measure failed to command that respect and obedience which are indispensible to the good order and general welfare of a school. Some progress was made in the various branches; the most punctual and orderly showing to the best advantage.

The same teacher was employed in District No. Three as last year. Although the pupils made fair progress last year, we think this year the improvement has been greater. The good order apparent in the school room was especially worthy of commendation. The examination was very satisfactory to your committee, on which occasion I was pleased to meet so many friends of the pupils.

As our prudential committee are almost constantly changing, new ones being chosen every year, it may not be amiss to insert the following from Chapter LXXIX of the General Statutes:—"Sec. 14. The prudential committee shall select and hire teachers for the district, provide them board, furnish necessary fuel, make such occasional repairs of the school house and furniture as may be necessary, not exceeding in amount five per cent. of the school

money of the district, notify the superintending committee of the commencement and close of the schools, and give them such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties."

In looking over the school registers of the several Districts for the past fifteen years, we see evidences of both efficient and inefficient teachers. It is apparent that there has been an inclination in some instances to employ a *cheap* tea her so as to prolong the school; as if a few additional weeks of trying to "learn" the pupils, as one teacher has it,—we suppose she meant *teach*,—could make up for an almost entire lack of ability to instruct. It does not pay to employ incompetent teachers, even though they are willing to work cheap. A good teacher will always command a fair salary, and it is better to pay a little more than we think is "fair", to obtain a first-class teacher.

A prudential committee has no enviable task if he is expected to find a teacher who will suit everybody in his district. It is a task which no amount of experience will enable him to perform. Parents are usually so sensitive when there is any little unpleasant occurrence with which their own children are unfavorably connected, that a teacher is in constant danger of getting the ill-will of somebody by simply doing her duty. The only proper course open to her under such circumstances is with faithfulness and impartiality to do what she thinks is right. If she is a suitable person to have the care of children, we need not fear for the result.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. WHITEHOUSE.

Supt. School Committee.

TABLE.

	DISTRICT No. 1.			DISTRICT No. 2.			District No. 3		
	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	First Term.	Second Term.	Total.
Length of Term in weeks,	11	12	10	13	13	5	8	15	
Whole number of scholars,	32	32	22	12	17	11	11	11	67
Average attendance,	24	24	17	10	13	9	7	7	42
Instances of tardiness,	23	12	12	14	11	2	20	56	150
" dismissal,				22	79	16	4	6	127
Scholars not absent one half day,	2	2	5	3	2	3	3		
Teachers' wages per month,	28	28	28	24	24	24	20	20	
Visits by School Committee,	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	14
" " citizens,	7	6	10	15	11	4	6	24	83
Scholars attending to Reading,	32	32	22	12	17	11	10	11	
" " Spelling,	30	32	22	12	17	11	10	11	
" " Penmanship,	13	15	13	8	10	8	5	5	
" " Arithmetic,	16	18	14	9	12	9	6	6	
" " Grammar,	2	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	
" " Geography,	10	13	9	6	8	5	5	5	
" " Composition,				4	4	2	4	4	
" " History,	1			1	1	1			
" " Physiology,	1								
" " Algebra,		2							